

SECTION I: AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-11 (noting that claim 12 was cancelled previously) and add new claims 13-27 as set forth in the following complete listing of the claims of the application.

1-12. (Cancelled).

13. (New) A method of filtering and storing information about content stored on at least one network device and accessible via a network, said content being potentially useable by a plurality of network rendering devices adapted for rendering content, the method comprising:

a) periodically filtering information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices;

b) storing in a content directory the filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by said at least one network rendering device; and

c) searching or browsing the content directory to review said filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by the at least one network rendering device;

wherein said searching or browsing of the content directory is independent of said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by the at least one network rendering device.

14. (New) A method according to claim 13, wherein content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices comprises content having a format that is not compatible with the at least one network rendering device.

15. (New) A method according to claim 13, wherein content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices

comprises content having a transport protocol that is not compatible with the at least one network rendering device.

16. (New) A method according to claim 13, wherein content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices comprises content having a DRM system that is not supported by the at least one network rendering device.

17. (New) A method according to claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices is repeated over a predefined time interval.

18. (New) A method according to claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices is performed when a network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices is removed from the network.

19. (New) A method according to claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices is performed where a new network rendering device is added to the network.

20. (New) A method according to claim 13, wherein said periodic filtering of information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices is performed upon elapse of a predetermined time interval following removal from the network of a network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices.

21. (New) A method according to claim 13, wherein the network is a UPnP network, and the information about the content is stored by an UPnP content directory service.

22. (New) A method according to claim 13, further comprising selecting content for transfer via the network to the at least one network rendering device, wherein said selecting is based on the searching or browsing step, and wherein said content selected for transfer is renderable by the at least one network rendering device.

23. (New) A method according to claim 13, further comprising periodically filtering information about the content to yield filtered information including content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices, and making available on the network said filtered information including content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device.

24. (New) A method according to claim 23, further comprising initiating an action based on said filtered information including content that cannot be rendered by at least one network rendering device, wherein the action comprises any of the following:

- a) upgrading the network;
- b) downloading and/or installing a codec;
- c) adapting a security parameter;
- d) recommending the purchase or upgrade of at least one network rendering device; and
- e) providing a human-perceptible explanation of why content is unusable by the at least one network rendering device.

25. (New) A device adapted for filtering and storing information about content accessible via a network, said content being potentially useable by a plurality of network rendering device adapted for rendering content, the device comprising:

- a) at least one filtering element adapted to periodically filter information about the content to yield filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered

by at least one network rendering device of the plurality of network rendering devices;
and

b) a storage element containing a content directory including the filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by said at least one network rendering device;

wherein the content directory is searchable or browseable to enable review of said filtered information devoid of content that cannot be rendered by the at least one network rendering device, and the content directory is searchable or browseable independently of said periodic filtering by the at least one filtering element.

26. (New) A media server embodying the device of claim 25.

27. (New) A network comprising the device of claim 25 and at least one network rendering device.